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LETTER DATED 4 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a message addressed to you by the President of the Azerbaijani Republic, Abulfaz Elchibey, which has been received by fax.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hassan A. HASSANOV
Permanent Representative

Annex

I thank you most warmly for your efforts resulting in the adoption of resolution 822 (1993), which was received with the greatest appreciation by the people and Government of Azerbaijan.

Aware of the serious opposition organized by the Armenian side to the draft submitted by Azerbaijan, we regard this resolution as a great achievement and ask you to take all necessary measures for its implementation, in particular to ensure the "immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Kelbadjar district and other recently occupied areas of Azerbaijan".

We greatly appreciate the fact that this resolution reaffirms the territorial integrity of all States in the region, the inviolability of international borders and the inadmissibility of the use of force for the acquisition of territory, and we declare our readiness to resume negotiations immediately with a view to the resolution of the conflict within the framework of the peace process of the Minsk Group of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which you support.

For information, I should like to note that the responsibility for all previous disruptions of efforts to achieve a cease-fire and begin peaceful negotiations rests with the Armenian side.

Abulfaz ELCHIBEY

Baku, 4 May 1993